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SUBJECT: VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE

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1. FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO TELEPHONED AFTERNOON APRIL 17 TO RELAY RESPONSE OF PRESIDENT MARCOS TO OUR MESSAGE OF APRIL 14 ABOUT THE VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. EVIDENTLY READING FROM NOTES ROMULO SAID THE PRESIDENT WISHES IT TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT "WHILE HE IS AGAINST VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE VISITING BENIGNO AQUINO, A DETAINED PRISONER, HE IS ALSO AGAINST THE VICE PRESIDENT MEETING PUBLICLY WITH THE OPPOSITION LEADERS." WHEN ROMULO STRESSED AND REPEATED "MEETING PUBLICLY" I ASKED HOW HE INTERPRETED THAT PHRASE AND HE REPLIED THAT ANY SUCH MEETINGS SHOULD BE "INFORMAL, WITHOUT PUBLICITY, NO PICTURES, JUST TO GET THEIR VIEWS. . . WITH RESPONSIBLE OPPOSITION LIKE SAY JERRY ROXAS (NOMINAL LIBERAL PARTY LEADER). . . OTHER HAND MITRA (LABAN LEADER) IRRESPONSIBLE."

2. HAVING DELIVERED THE MAIL BY WHAT HE CHARACTERIZED AS "INSTANTANEOUS RESPONSE," ROMULO WAXED ELOQUENTLY ABOUT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT BEING "INTENDED TO GENERATE GOOD WILL. . . FOR WHICH THE GOP WOULD ORGANIZE A ROYAL WELCOME, A ROUSING RECEPTION, PERHAPS UNEQUALED ELSEWHERE

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